



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Smith *et al.*  
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For: LAUNCHER PLATFORM

Examiner: Chambers, T.  
Group: 3641  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN THE FIRST MONTH

Applicant respectfully petitions that he be granted an extension of time within the first month, until July 6, 2003 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a), and 1.7 and 1.114, to file a Request for Continued Examination requesting entry of the applicants' June 6, 2003 Response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2003. Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for the fee for a large entity to obtain this extension.

If for any reason this Petition is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, (781) 890-5678.

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